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PETTY RE-ATES WATSON'S ACTS

Former Auditor of District Explains Methods Used by His Clerk in Alleged Embezzlement of Municipal Funds.

THE PRISONER SITS IN COURT BESIDE HIS FAITHFUL WIFE

Jury Completed—Introductory Statement by Prosecuting Attorney—Details of Case Brought Out in Examination.

JURY CHOSEN IN WATSON CASE.

Leonard Daniel, 422 First Street northeast; commission merchant.
Irwin J. French, 612 Q Street northwest; contractor.
J. A. Holzer, 1214 Four-and-a-half Street southwest; shoe business.
Arthur L. Orrison, 10 Fifth Street northeast; drug clerk.
John R. English, 430 1/2 Thirteenth northeast; salesman.
Lincoln W. Burkett, 803 N Street northwest; salesman.
William H. Clarke, 1219 Thirty-second Street northwest; laundryman.
Joseph Ward, 2321 L Street northwest; clerk.
Colon B. F. Haller, 1307 Twenty-second Street northwest; decorator.
William A. Curran, Blair Road, D. C.; clerk.
Lewis F. Palmer, 655 B Street northeast; grocer.
Allen H. Lithgow, 307 Fourth Street southeast; stairbuilder.

There was a decided difference in the appearance of James M. A. Watson when he entered Criminal Court No. 1, this morning, at the beginning of the second day of his trial for embezzlement. He seemed today to fully realize the seriousness of the accusation made against him, and when he took his seat his brow was furrowed, and a look of anxiety overspread his face.

Interest in Trial.

Interest in the trial was shown by the size of the crowd which was present at the opening of the court, and the close attention paid the proceedings. It is seldom that so large a gathering maintains such quiet as did the spectators who attended the trial today.

Three Witnesses Called.

Only three witnesses were called to the witness stand at the morning session of the court. Their testimony was of a dry nature. Nevertheless every word was listened to with the greatest attention by all present. This was particularly true of the evidence given by James T. Petty, who was auditor for the District, and in whose office Watson was employed as a clerk at the time he is alleged to have embezzled the District funds.

While Mr. Petty was giving his testimony Watson and his wife frequently held whispered conversation, and both seemed amused when the witness testified.

Identified Checks.

Mr. Petty testified that he had no recollection of the checks and vouchers connected with the transactions in which Watson is involved. He then went into an explanation in detail of the method pursued by Watson in accomplishing alleged embezzlement. In this connection he explained how certain funds in the custody of the District were deposited in different local banks. Watson, he said, had to do with all of these different accounts were ordered.

Mr. Petty testified particularly in reference to the accounts to the credit of the District in the Central National Bank, the Farmers National, and the Capital Bank.

Mr. Petty said that he had no recollection of the method pursued by Watson in obtaining money from the Treasury, placing it to the credit of the District. This money, he said, was placed

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N. Y. REPUBLICANS FOLLOW FEATHER OF GOV. ODELL

State Convention Comes Off According to Program Mapped Out.

SENATOR DEPEW'S SPEECH

Ridicules Idea of Democratic Unity and Praises His Party's Record.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Nine hundred and seventy-four delegates to the Republican State convention filled Carnegie Hall today to elect delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago and instruct them to work for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President.

The hall was festooned with American flags and the "Pledge of Resistance" of the decorations was a big chromo of President Roosevelt, decorated with flags and arms of the United States, which faced the delegates from the center of the wall upon the stage.

Without a Hitch.

The delegates followed without a hitch or hindrance the program drawn up by Governor Odell, who made his first appearance in a convention as "State boss." Senator Platt, the "leader emeritus," sat with the delegates from Toga and for the first time in fifteen years his fine political hand indeed lay motionless on the chair.

The platform, as written, contains a strong plank endorsing President Roosevelt and his Administration with special reference to the Panama Canal and the administration of Cuban affairs.

The tariff question will be only briefly touched on, and will be of the "stand pat" order; and there will be a strong laudation of Governor Odell's State administration. A plank endorsing the State leadership of Senator Thomas C. Platt was embodied in the platform.

The "Big Four" that will represent the State at the Chicago convention is made up of Senator Thomas Collier Platt, Senator Chauncey Mitchell Depew, Gov. Benjamin E. Odell, Jr., and former Gov. Frank S. Black.

The convention was called to order at 12:32 by Col. George W. Dunn, chairman of the Republican State committee. At the conclusion of the roll call Colonel Dunn designated Senator Chauncey M. Depew as temporary chairman. The Senator was escorted to the platform amid much applause.

Mr. Depew's Speech.

The Senator recalled the death of three great Republican leaders since the last convention—President McKinley, Thomas B. Reed, and Senator Hanna. He declared that the Republican party would accept the challenge of the Democratic party to make the campaign on the records of the McKinley and Roosevelt Administrations.

"We have repaired the disasters of 1893 to 1897," said he. "We have opened the closed factories and mills, built up new industries and removed all trace of an unsound currency."

"The problem of 400 years seemed about to be settled and the two oceans united by the canal across the isthmus. With the growth of our Pacific Coast States and the possession of our islands across the ocean and the trade of the Orient, the building of this canal became a necessity of paramount importance."

Democratic "Unity."

"We are told that in this campaign the Democratic party will be united and that the differences which occurred in 1896 and 1899 will be healed. The eminent doctors who are diagnosing the disease and prescribing for the patient to bring about this result are the conservative ex-President Cleveland on the one side and the radical William Jennings Bryan on the other. Mr. Bryan's prescription is the same as was administered in 1896 and 1899, free silver at 16 to 1, while Mr. Cleveland's is tersely expressed when he says, 'return to gold'."

policy is adopted then rests and the labor of have no more to do than they did in the two party in 1896 and in 1899. If Mr. Cleveland's policy is adopted, which admits that the Democratic party in 1896 and 1899 was divided, and its candidates were as we are assured that reason is permanent or possession of the goods say crazy tricks with the money."

Mr. Depew concluded his address by saying that the various committees were finished, a recess was called at 4 p. m.

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Representative JOHN H. BANKHEAD.



Nominated in the Sixth Alabama District for another term in Congress after a warm contest with Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Santiago fame.

Hobson Turned Down By Alabama Voters

Hero of Merrimac Will Not Come to Congress—Conservative Eastern Man Favored for President.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12.—In the general Democratic primaries yesterday interest centered in the Congressional race in the Sixth district between Congressman J. H. Bankhead and Capt. R. P. Hobson.

While complete returns have not yet been received, enough has been learned to show that Bankhead has defeated Hobson by a good majority. Hobson carried the county of Hale, in which he lives, by 500 or 600 majority and may have carried one more of the nine counties in the district. It is believed that Bankhead's total majority will not be under 1,000.

The delegation to the Democratic national convention will favor the nomination of a conservative Eastern man.

Sharp contests occurred in several places where the Hearst supporters had organized, but indications are that only a handful of Hearst delegates have been chosen.

B. B. Comer is nominated for president of the railroad commission. Comer and E. A. Defunk, freight agent for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, engaged in a fist fight in one of the polling places today over an affidavit made by Defunk in regard to statements made by Comer, which the latter characterized as false.

Burnett is probably nominated for Congress in the Seventh district.

Gorman Resolution Laid On Table by Party Vote

Senator Teller Tries to Accomplish Similar End by Amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill—The Penrose Motion.

The debate upon the Gorman resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the Postoffice Department, which was interrupted by adjournment late yesterday afternoon, was resumed in the Senate this afternoon on the conclusion of the morning business.

The Gorman resolution was brought to a vote and ordered laid on the table by a strict party vote of 49 to 19.

President pro tem Frye then announced that if there were no further amendments the bill would be put on its passage.

Mr. Teller rose and said he had an amendment to offer. Its purpose was to order an investigation of the laws of the United States by a commission of five Senators, to go into the conduct of the Postoffice Department, etc. It covered practically the same ground as the Gorman resolution, but in a manner calculated to meet the objections of the Republican side.

"Oh, that's all right," rejoined Mr. Aldrich, and Mr. Teller proceeded. "He said it was sufficiently serious that the public press had stated that 'more than 100 Senators and Representatives had been caught in Bristow's trap.' He thought there was ample reason for ordering an investigation, and charged the Republicans with being afraid to do so because of its effect on the coming election."

Mr. Mallory brought into the debate the Penrose resolution of last December for an investigation by the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads.

CAPITAL MECCA FOR CATHOLICS

Hundreds of Visitors Will Arrive Tonight for Ceremonies Attending Presentation of Knights' Gift to University.

CARDINAL GIBBONS TO RECEIVE FUND FOR CHAIR OF HISTORY

Ten Thousand Persons Expected to View Exercises at McMahon Hall—Bishop Garrigan Will Make Principal Address.

HOW KNIGHTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED DURING THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON

Ten thousand Knights, with many ladies, are expected to be in attendance during the ceremonies.

Washington Knights will guide visitors about the city and its environs, pointing out places of historical, and especially of Catholic, interest.

This evening Washington Council will entertain visiting Knights. Tomorrow at 4:30 p. m. formal presentation of the \$50,000 fund will be made by Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn. It will be accepted by Cardinal Gibbons. There will be an address by Bishop P. J. Garrigan, of Sioux City, Iowa, and the response, on behalf of the order, will be made by Corporation Counsel John J. Delany, of New York city.

Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. there will be a reception to the visitors in the Blue Room of the White House.

Thursday evening Keane Council will give a smoker at Rauscher's.

Hundreds of visitors will come into Washington tonight to attend the ceremonies at the Catholic University tomorrow, when the Knights of Columbus of America will endow a chair of secular history to the college.

This event has been anticipated for many months, and it is estimated the ceremony, which is to take place tomorrow afternoon at McMahon Hall, in the university grounds, will be attended by 10,000 people. A large stand has been erected from the portion of McMahon Hall, and provision will be made on this for Cardinal Gibbons, Mr. O'Connell, rector of the university; prelates of the church, representatives of the Knights of Columbus, and especially invited guests. On the following afternoon the new Apostolic Mission house will be formally dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by Bishop Brennan, of St. Louis; the rector of the Catholic University, and a number of visiting and resident priests.

A Joint Gift.

The \$50,000 fund which will be presented tomorrow is the joint gift of all the councils of Knights of Columbus in the United States, and will be given over to Cardinal Gibbons by Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn.

Mr. Hearn will deliver to Cardinal Gibbons a check ten feet long and four feet wide, and bearing on its face the sum of \$50,000. The check is illuminated in the national colors, and will be brought to Washington tonight on a special train from New Haven by a committee of thirty members of the order.

Bishop P. J. Garrigan, of Sioux City, Iowa, will make the principal address of the afternoon. Bishop Garrigan was formerly vice rector of the university, and was the first to suggest the raising of such a fund for the college. He has been earnest in his efforts to promote the national colors, and will be especially invited to participate in tomorrow's ceremonies. John J. Delany, corporation counsel of New York, will respond to Bishop Garrigan's address.

Thousands Will Come.

Preparations have been made for the reception of a large number of visitors. More than 2,000 are expected to come over from New York, while 1,000 members from Philadelphia have signified their intention of attending the ceremonies. Hundreds of knights, accompanied by women, will come from other cities and every detail has been arranged for their comfort. The visitors are expected to remain in Washington three or four days. On Thursday afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:30, they will be received by President Roosevelt at the White House.

A joint reception of seventy-five local members of the order will meet incoming trains, direct the visitors to their hotels, and otherwise look out for their convenience. A committee, composed of J. S. Easby-Smith, George H. Ogilvie, Francis P. Sney, and T. E. Galleher, has prepared a souvenir in the form of a booklet which contains a list of public buildings, Catholic buildings and colleges, places of interest in and around Washington, and the official program of ceremonies incident to the presentation of the fund.

First National Gathering.

This will be the first national gathering of Knights of Columbus and every effort will be put forth by members of local councils to make the meeting one to be remembered. Washington Council will entertain tonight in honor of the knights who will be in the city this evening. Special features in the way of songs by well-known Washington vocalists and an exhibition of athletics by Prof. Joyce and his pupils will form a part of the program.

On Thursday evening Keane Council will give a smoker at Rauscher's in honor of visiting knights and several novel numbers will compose the program of entertainment. Wednesday evening has been set apart for a reception to the visitors in Knights of Columbus Hall, which has been appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The Local Committee.

The local general committee includes Dr. H. J. Crosson, chairman; Thomas H. Galleher, treasurer; Dr. Wilson P. Malone, Dr. A. D. Wilkinson, James A. Duval, E. J. Malloy, Sr., Dr. C. H. Koonen, Charles W. Boyle, P. J. Halligan, C. W. Kolb, Francis P. Sheehy, Joseph E. Ralph, Michael A. Mess, George A. Young, William B. Reilly, V. F. Fleishel, the Rev. P. J. O'Connell and William B. Johnson.

The fund of \$50,000, which will be handed over to the university tomorrow, will be used to endow a chair of American history, and is a tribute to the earnestness and perseverance of members of the order. The civic function will be, perhaps, the most imposing ever held under the auspices of the university and will bring together one of the most distinguished assemblies ever gathered in the little Catholic colony at Brookland. President Roosevelt has been invited to attend the ceremonies.

ATTEMPT MADE ON LIFE OF SPANISH PREMIER

Senor Maura Shields Himself With His Arm—Badly Slashed by Dagger.

BARCELONA, April 12.—Senor Maura, the Spanish premier, narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin today. The premier was leaving the palace of the council general when his assailant rushed at him flourishing a dagger. Senor Maura threw up his arm in time to save his body, but received a severe slash in his arm. The would-be assassin was captured.

KILLED BY BATTED BALL.

DALLAS, Tex., April 12.—In a game of baseball at Roundrock yesterday, Nelson Aynsworth, a player, sixteen years old, was hit on the head by a batted ball and died almost instantly.

TURKEY TO BAR OUT SLAYER OF LABOUR

Porte Asked to Prevent Murder Finding Refuge in Ottoman Empire.

The United States has requested the Ottoman government to do all in its power to prevent the murderer of Benjamin W. Laborer, Jr., from taking refuge in Turkish territory.

Mr. Leshman, United States minister to Turkey, advised the State Department this morning that he has also asked the foreign representatives in Turkey to urge that every possible effort be made to prevent the murderer from hiding in Turkish territory.

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WEATHER REPORT.

There will be snow flurries tonight in the middle and eastern lower lake region, and on tomorrow on Lake Ontario; elsewhere in the East and South the weather will be fair tonight and tomorrow.

It will be colder tonight in the middle and south Atlantic and east Gulf States, and colder tomorrow on the Atlantic coast. There will be frost tonight in the interior of the east Gulf States and western North Carolina.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 53
12 noon 53
3 p. m. 57
6 p. m. 57

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:32 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 5:28 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide tomorrow 5:55 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 6:15 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 12:30 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 12:54 p. m.